

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *yes*

NO

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Some elderly citizens just don't drive and cannot always get transportation to an audiologist office. Also they are on fixed incomes and the prices of most hearing aids are out of reach as Medicare and health insurance does NOT cover hearing aid purchases.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *NO, because then*

they can start deciding the same on other pre-medical or medical treatments and exams.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *yes because*

I as a consumer and hearing aid wearer can decide which hearing aid company and hearing aid equipment I feel more comfortable using and doing business with. I have already previously tried a more expensive hearing aid & dealt with a closer to home company audiologist and have been more satisfied with Excel Hearing Solutions

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